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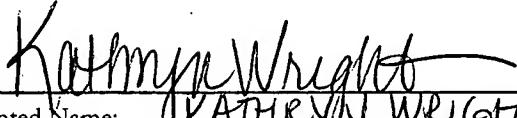
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Office Action.

Claims 1-17 and 19-26 remain in the subject patent application. Claims 1, 2, 12, 21, and 23 are amended herein, and claim 18 is canceled. No claims have been added.